

transplantation and primary angioplasty. The present study confirms recent observations in two small animal models of remote preconditioning, an adenosine-mediated model described by Vinten-Johansen's group in rats exposed to a single 5-minute episode of renal ischaemia initiated before reperfusion,¹³ and a lapine model of preconditioning subject to limb ischaemia.¹⁴ This study highlights the capacity of early remote preconditioning to be of benefit to humans and mandates replication, mechanistic and clinical studies to be performed in order to usher in the decade old paradigm of mechanical conditioning to the bedside.

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